

Improving Mitigation Policies and Practices at the Department of the Interior

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- **DOI Secretarial Order 3330**, Improving Mitigation Policies and Practices at the Department of the Interior, October 2013.
- *A Strategy for Improving the Mitigation Policies and Practices of the Department of the Interior; A Report to the Secretary of the Interior*, April 2014.

Secretarial Order 3330



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Principles:

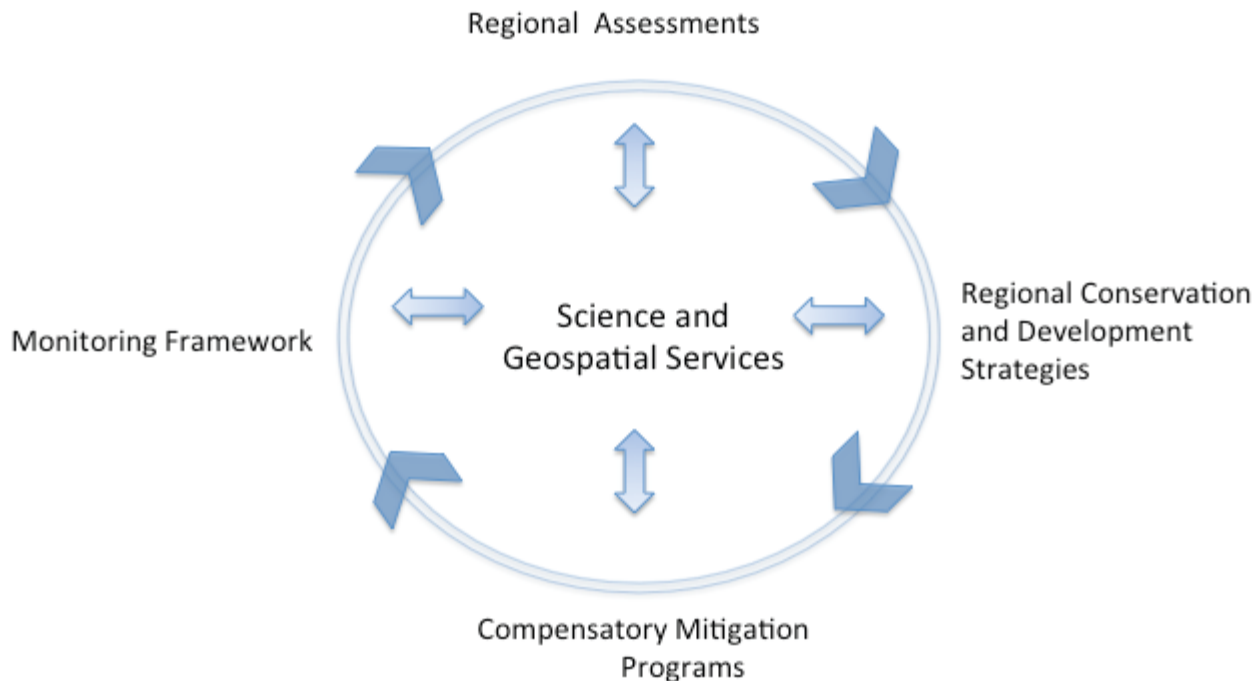
Landscape-scale Approach
Collaboration
Use of the Full Mitigation Hierarchy
Advanced Mitigation Planning
Transparent Decision-Making
Certainty
Additional and Durable
Resilience

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Landscape-Scale Mitigation



Secretarial Order 3330; Deliverables

Along with efforts to promote training, coordination, and public engagement, the April, 2014 Report to the Secretary on implementing SO 3330 identified key deliverables to promote consistency across the Department and provide third parties with predictability in making development decisions.

- FWS revisions to their 1981 Mitigation Policy
- Finalizing BLM Mitigation Policy
- Departmental Manual chapter codifying SO 3330
- Development of NEPA guidance based on CEQ's 2011 "*Appropriate Use of Mitigation and Monitoring and Clarifying the Appropriate Use of Mitigated Findings of No significant Impact*"

THANK YOU



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